

Monday Morning Minutes

Washington HS Faculty Newsletter [Dec. 6, 2021]



Message from the Superintendent:

Monday December 6, 2021

Now in its third year, our grant-a-teacher-wish tree is downtown. Tonight, as part of Downtown South Bend's "First Friday" we'll be by the I heart SB sculpture on the corner of Michigan and Jefferson, handing out free books from our friends at Better World Books. You can scan an ornament and see it link you to ways you can give to your favorite school.

With the flu season here and the rise of COVID-19 cases in the community, I urge all of you to get your flu shot, and COVID-19 vaccines and booster. Flu shot clinics for staff are coming up at Wilson and Madison Elementary Schools. Visit [OurShot.gov](https://www.ourshot.gov) to schedule your COVID-19 vaccine or booster.

Sponsored by the Chick-fil-a Foundation, Food Bank of Northern Indiana will provide free meals to families:

Tonight, December 3 at Muessel Elementary School from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 10, at Marquette Montessori from 4:30 to 6:30

Friday, December 17, at Muessel Elementary School 4:30 to 6:30

On Monday, December 6, we'll hold our Board meeting at Edison Middle School at 5:30 p.m. Join us in person, or watch via our district's [YouTube page](#). ~ Dr. Todd Cummings -SBCSC "News To Know"

Teacher / Student Surveys- EOS

All Surveys DUE December 10

Faculty EOS survey :

Staff Survey Link: https://eos.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0PnqJ5wGTgzAPae

- Staff should use their district-issued email to take the survey.
- The lists of staff programmed to do the survey can be downloaded on the Portal under the "Surveys" icon, click on the "Staff Survey" name and click on the download CSV button next to the school name.

The goal this year is to still survey at least **90% of students and staff** or higher. We will send updates on your school's progress a few days after your initial survey date. If you need any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Student EOS survey: Due December 10

Please have students complete this survey by the 10th of December. You may choose to have them review the following **video** prior to taking the survey:

Here is the [video](#) for WHS Staff. Video versions- in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#).

Featured Faculty! Mrs. Mary Bowers - Guidance Counselor.



Mrs. Bowers: Mrs. Bowers was born and raised in South Bend and graduated from Washington in 1995. She was an avid volleyball player and was named captain her senior year. Mary is the youngest of five children, married for twenty-three years and has two children of her own, and one grandbaby.

She worked for seventeen years as a customer specialist for Liberty Mutual before deciding to go back to College and get her degree in Secondary Education. She also coached volleyball here at Washington in 2005 and 2006. She graduated from IUSB in May of 2021 with a degree in secondary education and is currently still attending IUSB to get her master in Mental Health and School Counseling.

Ms. Bowers hobbies include playing co-ed softball, reading, working out, sitting on the deck enjoying a nice cup of coffee and traveling. Her favorite book is "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger, her favorite TV show is Bob's Burgers, favorite movie - Grease, and her favorite food is a nice steak. If there is something you didn't know about Mrs. Bowers, it's that she doesn't watch TV during the day, and she really doesn't like watching movies or listening to the radio.

Her message to the kids today is that "it's okay not to know what you want to do YET." As she explained, for as little as a word as it is, it has so much meaning. The Power of Yet"

Welcome to the team Mrs. Bowers! We are so excited to have you with us!

PD This Week! Tuesday Dec. 7 @ 7:40 am

This week at 7:40 am (auditorium) we will meet as a building. Topic: End of Semester, Final Schedules and DOJ Data. Please bring your device as information will be shared with you.

Important Dates this Week!

- **Administrative Team Meeting- - Tuesday December 7 @ 9:45 am**
- BRIDGE Development Committee- - December 7 @ 10:30 am
- GPS (Graduation Progress Support Team)- - Thursday December 9 @ 2:30 PM [BR]
- SBCSC Teacher Work Day - - December 17 NO Students
- Winter Break (Christmas Holiday) - - December 20 - Jan. 2, 2022



SAVE THE DATE

Teachers in the NEWS!!



“Our Kids are Our Future” (WSBT 22): **Rachael Parker- Science**

Washington High School's Science teacher (Biology) Ms. Rachel Parker has been selected to be featured on "Our Kids Are Our Future Promotion" on Channel 22, with a possible airing date of December 29, 2021.

Nominated by one of her students, Maxwell Alvarado Honors Biology, stated that despite the hardships created by the pandemic and the move to elearning, Maxwell, who is on the autistic spectrum, continued to strive in his education due to the energy, enthusiasm and passion that Ms. Parker demonstrated for her students and their studies, reports Maxwell's parents. Her caring attitude had a great impact on my son! Thank you Mrs. Parker for being an exceptional teacher. Details of the airing will be coming soon!

From WHS Health Center: Nurse Dewald

What you need to know about Variants. Here is a quick video to help you stay informed on the new variants that could threaten an individual's health. Please click below to view this week's video. Have a healthy and safe week!

~ Nurse Dewald

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1BMvCBrYs8>



COVID-19 Cases at Washington HS

Covid Positive Cases

Reported positive cases at WHS for the **week of November 29 - December 3:**

[5] Reported cases this week

[3] Students.

[2] Faculty and Staff

Pfizer Vaccine Booster Shots for Teachers @ WHS

Free Pfizer vaccine boosters:

Meijer Pharmacy is offering COVID-19 Vaccine booster shots for Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine recipients who completed their initial series at least 6 months ago and meet other criteria. Find out if you are eligible. If you meet these criteria, you can schedule an appointment at Meijer Pharmacy. ~ News to Know.

ENL Courses at Holy Cross College

ENL Course Offerings:

Holy Cross College will be providing a 3-cu ENL course for certified teachers (certified prior to September, 2019) seeking EL Teacher-of-Record status. As a reminder, the IDOE is offering a special **Teacher-of-Record Pathway** through September of 2022 to assist schools in meeting the directive requiring accountability for English Learners.

In addition, Holy Cross College continues to offer the **ENL Certification Program for Professionals**. The Holy Cross College Certification Program is a 4-course, 14-cu program which can be completed in 2-3 semesters, depending on the start date (fall or spring). Attached is a document that provides information about both the stand-alone course and the full Certification Program.

Holy Cross is already enrolling for their Spring Semester. Also, the Holy Cross Education Program continues to expand with Transition-to-Teaching, BA-Completion, and Dual-Enrollment tracks.

Please share this information regarding the courses with your staff as soon as possible so that they might have time to consider these options.

Please have interested certified teachers contact me at jcordovagurule@sbcsc.k12.in.us or Edoarda Perez, Literacy and PL Specialist at eperez@sbcsc.k12.in.us to sign up for this opportunity. Tuition, books, and the initial ENL Certification assessment is covered by us for both **Teacher of Record Pathway or the ENL Certification Pathway**.

If your building has a large enough group of teachers interested in taking the ENL Teacher of Record course, Holy Cross can bring the course to your building. ~ Julia Cordova Gurule Bilingual Services

WHS Annual UGLY SWEATER CONTEST! !



You so Ugly!

Washington High School's **Annual Ugly Sweater Contest** is back! Wear your ugliest holiday sweater to school on Wednesday December 15 and compete for the title of **UGLIEST Sweater 2021**. Voting begins at 1:30 pm on the 15th! 1st Prize is a Holiday gift card!

Campus Updates:

Construction at Washington:

Construction on the WHS roof has begun. The academic wings should not be impacted during the day. Unfortunately there will be some noise. Should it become difficult to conduct class please contact the administrative office for temporary relocation.

Students in the NEWS!!

CONGRATULATIONS

All Wins!

Congratulations to Washington High Schools Girl's and Boy's athletic programs. Both boys and girls, including all three levels, Freshman, JV, and Varsity Boys team who traveled to Ft. Wayne brought home wins in every game this weekend!

Great job coaches! Well done!



Athletics and Activities this Week!

MONDAY: 12/6

21st Century After School Tutoring
3:45-5:45pm
WHS Library
Washington High School

Freshmen Boys Basketball
WHS-vs-Saint Joseph High School
6:00-8:00PM
Washington High School

TUESDAY: 12/7

Talent Search
WHS LGI Room
10:18am & 1:47pm
Washington High School

Street Outreach
WHS Cafeteria
11:15-12:45pm

Washington High School

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

WHS Library

Washington High School

Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving

WHS-vs-Penn High School

6:00-8:00pm

Washington High School

Varsity Girls Basketball

WHS-vs-Homestead High School

7:30-9:30pm

Homestead High School

WEDNESDAY: 12/8

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

WHS Library

Washington High School

WHS Quiz Bowl

LGI Room

4:00-6:00pm

Washington High School

WHS Pool Diving

6:00-8:00PM

Washington High School

Boys Varsity Wrestling

WHS-vs-Marian High School

7:00-9:00pm

Marian High School Mishawaka

THURSDAY: 12/9

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5pm

WHS Library

Washington High School

Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving

WHS-vs-Marian High School
6:00-8:30pm
Washington High School

Girls Varsity Basketball
WHS-vs-Clay High School
7:30-9:30pmCSC
Clay High School

FRIDAY:12/10

Girls Varsity Basketball
6:30-8:30pm
Clay High School

SATURDAY:12/11

Boys Varsity Wrestling Carl Evans Blood, Sweat and Tears
9:00-11:00am
Washington High School

Girls Swimming & Diving SBCSC City Meet
5:00-7:00pm
Riley High School

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HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AT BEAUTIFUL WASHINGTON!

~ T. E. SIMS